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Room: After School Online Room

BJ: I'd like to welcome you all to Lynne's discussion about NW Center for Children's Literature

BelindaHa joined the room.

BJ: we usually start all the discussions in Tapped In with introductions

LynneW: Welcome Belinda

BJ: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and love children's lit!

TeresaMT joined the room.

BelindaHa: hi!

BJ: Hi, Teresa. We're just getting started with introductions

BJ: a reminder to all new users of Tapped In to click on the ACTIONS menu in the top right of your chat window and highlight DETACH

KimberlyJ joined the room.

LynneW: I'm an ed tech professor and Co-Director of the NW Center for Children's Literature

BJ: anyone else going to introduce themselves?

JeffC: I'm an education technology specialist in Forest Grove, OR... and enjoy sitting in on ASO meetings.

StaceyAT: I am a new ed student at U of O and just figuring out this Tapped in stuff.

TeresaMT: Hello, sorry I'm late. Technical difficulties

KathydGst2: My name is Kathy Dunbar, and I am the co-director (with Lynne) of the center. I also teach at Concordia University, and my favorite course to teach is, of course, Children's Literature.

TeresaMT: I teach first grade in San Antonio, Texas

BJ: anyone else?

KimberlyJ: Hello BJ

BJ: Kimberly, could you please give a short introduction of yourself?

BJ: Then I think we're ready to start, Lynne

KimberlyJ: I'm a seventh and eighth grade reading teacher and graduate student. I have 13 years of teaching experience.

LynneW: Welcome to each of you!

LynneW: The NW Center for Children's Literature

LynneW: is a new initiative of Concordia University College of Education

LynneW: Portland, OR

LynneW: In a few moments I'll give you the link to our web site.

LynneW: First, a bit of an explanation.

LynneW: Of course, if there are immediate questions...please ask.

LynneW: The Center is both physical and virtual.

LynneW: The physical space, currently located in its own space with the Concordia University libraries

LynneW: will be a meeting, research and book preview center.

LynneW: We will have the latest releases of children's and young adult literature.

LynneW: Teachers, librarians, media specialists, ed students, parents, etc. will be welcome to use this preview center.

LynneW: We will offer conferences, special events and professional services.

KimberlyJ: Will the books have annotated bibs or short review to give content information and readability?

LynneW: Kathy would you address Kimberly's question?

KathydGst2: There will be people at the center to address questions like that, and maybe, down the road, we will have them annotated.

KimberlyJ: Fantastic

KathydGst2: There will also be reference books we can direct you to that do that sort of thing.

LynneW: The web site will become a comprehensive resource for children's and young adult literature.

LynneW: Here is the web site address. Please go visit and then come back with your questions, comments, recommendations

LynneW: <http://www.nwcccl.org>

BJ . o O (click on the url to open a new window)

LynneW: If you have a pop-up blocker, hold down the control key and click the link.

BJ: thanks, Lynne...I always forget to mention that

KimberlyJ: What a fantastic site. How do you choose the books to place on the web?

LynneW: Thanks Kimberly.

LynneW: We spent a year with an Advisory Committee of book authors, illustrators, bookstore owners, librarians, teachers, etc.

LynneW: They lend their expertise, along with Kathy, to give us selections and descriptions.

TeresaMT: Really good site. I, especially, like the Reading lists by levels and the Resources for teachers.

KimberlyJ: My librarian and students will be very excited to access this site in the fall. It will be a good summer resource for my students searching for books to read.

KathydGst2: We have a person who gets reader copies of all new books, reads them ALL!!, and then puts her pick on the WEB site. She has done this for years, and does consulting services in the area of children's and young adult books. She will always post the greatest of the new books on the site.

LynneW: We really want to have this web site used so please share the information!

LynneW: Also, if you have recommendations for what is needed or what you would like to see - just email me.

LynneW: I'm also the web master

KimberlyJ: No problems, I am in a reading class in grade studies too so I will share tomorrow.

JeffC: I looked at the links for all the books... I'm wondering... is there any thought to using e-books? ... so that students could read books online... or is that not possible?

LynneW: Also, if you have regional or local events and conferences in children's and young adult literature...we would be happy to post them.

BJ: is there any affiliation with ALA?

LynneW: Jeff, that is an interesting suggestion. It would depend on cost but it is certainly worth persuing.

TeresaMT: How often do you change the books on the reading lists?

JeffC: e-books cost a lot less than paper books (in more ways than one)

LynneW: The affiliation is through people associated with our Center.

BJ nods to Lynne

LynneW: The reading lists will expand to include books in the themed focus of the month.

LynneW: The reading lists will then become accumulative.

LynneW: Are the reading lists and their descriptions of most interest to you?

TeresaMT: Is there a list of themes for each month? We have a lot of teachers who like to teach monthly themes, also.

LynneW: I have not posted the themes on the web site but can see that it would be useful for teachers.

LynneW: I'll be sure to add that information.

TeresaMT: Thanks. That would be great!

LynneW: What other types of information would you like to see?

JeffC: <http://snipurl.com/childrensebooks>

LynneW: Thanks Jeff!

TeresaMT: I enjoyed looking at the site and will visit it more in depth later. Thank you for your information. I'll pass it along.

LynneW: There is a form on the site we would like to invite you to fill out. FRIENDS of NWCCCL receive advanced notice of happenings.

KathydGst2: Just found this... The themes we were thinking of using this next year are Sept- Back to school; Oct- Fantasy; Nov- legends and folklore; Dec.- Multicultural celebrations

JeffC: <http://snipurl.com/childrensebooks2>

LynneW: Thanks Kathy

LynneW: Any other questions or comments?

LynneW: Looks like I'm preaching to the choir here....

JeffC: <http://snipurl.com/childrensebooks3> this one looks particularly promising... since the ebooks are supposedly all free

LynneW: Jeff, thanks for stopping by and sharing your resources.

BJ: thanks, Lynne and Kathy

JeffC: Heck... just having fun looking for stuff

BJ: I'll look forward to updates on the site

LynneW: Thank you for sharing NWCCCL

LynneW: with the TI community